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APPLICANT: Werner JACOB - 2 PCT
SERIAL NO.: 10/524,391 EXAMINER: BINDA, GREGORY JOHN
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TITLE: LONGITUDINAL SHAFT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

MAIL STOP: RCE
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2007, with the time for response being extended from January 18, 2008 to April 18, 2008 by petition and payment of the extension fee, and in advance of continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.